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Monday, April 4th:

The four candidates for Taycheedah Town Board were interviewed in two separate interviews. Bob Norris and Dave Howell are challenging incumbents John Abler and Jim Rosenthal. Norris and Howell claim there are problems with transparency and accountability. Norris people are not aware of what is going on because they are not seeing meeting minutes and agendas. He says people who would have objections to issues aren't raising them because they are not fully informed. Jim Rosenthal says they have a pretty good web site and more people are visiting it because of the criticism. He says it's not difficult to navigate and oddly enough Bob Norris is one of two people who help set up the website. Abler went further claiming Norris moved into the Town and recruited a friend to run for the Town Board in an effort to take it over.

Cary McQuitty says when people continued to urge him to run for the Fond du Lac County Board he decided he would. McQuitty actually ran for District 22 before, four years ago. He says with dwindling state financial support the board has to make tough decisions. He says down the road there will be tough choices on cutting programs, reorganizing programs or raising taxes which would be his last choice. At some point in the next few years the board will have to make a decision about letting the County sales tax sunset. McQuitty says if it were up to him he would allow the tax to sunset. He says they could always have fresh debate on whether it should continue. He also says maintaining our roads and infrastructure is important. His opponent is Brian Kolstad who we interviewed previously.

State Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling talked about backing Hillary Clinton for President and State Appeals Court Judge JoAnne Kloppenburg for State Supreme Court. Shilling says both of the Democratic candidates for President have their qualities, but she says they differ in their plan and experience and that is why she is backing Hillary Clinton instead of Bernie Sanders. Shilling also thinks Democrats will make gains this year on the national scene and here in Wisconsin. Shilling is also backing JoAnne Kloppenburg in the State Supreme Court race. She says at a time when the Supreme Court is very fractured and divided, it's not helpful to place an ideolog like Rebecca Bradley on the court.

Thursday, April 7th:

Jan McDonough and Jeff Harbridge of ASTOP or Assist Survivors Treatment Outreach and Prevention were guests. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. McDonough is the ASTOP Executive Director and Harbridge is the Board of Directors President and a detective with the Fond du Lac Police Department. McDough talked briefly about their

move to 21 S. Marr. Previously ASTOP and Agnesian HealthCare's Domestic Violence Program were located at St. Agnes Hospital, but are now under the same roof. The two talked about what ASTOP provides victims of sexual assault. McDonough also talked about Denim Day on April 27th. An 18-year-old Italian woman who was raped by her 45-year-old driver's education instructor didn't get the justice she deserved because the judge in the case said her jeans were so tight she had to help her attacker take them off.

Women in Italy began wearing jeans on a certain day to protest the judge's decision and the movement spread across the world.

State Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling talked about the recent legislative session. Shilling authored a bill that would provide an address confidentiality program for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. She says it would provide a central mail collection for those victims so their address does not need to be made public). She says a woman came to her with the concern. She says signing up children for school forms or getting bills paid endangered the safety of the woman. Several states have address confidentiality programs. She also talked about efforts Senate Democrats made, but were unsuccessful in proposing, for reform in the Department of Corrections and to allow students to refinance their debt.

Monday, April 18th:

ASTOP Executive Director Jan McDonough and Board of Directors President Jeff Hardbridge were on earlier this month, but returned to talk about some of the fundraisers that will be done on behalf of the organization that provides support and advocacy for sexual assault victims. McDonough says some of those fundraisers include a 5K run in Green Lake and a Craft Fair in Ripon. A UW-Madison student will also be doing a 427 mile run this summer from Red Cliff to Janesville to raise awareness and funds for ASTOP. She also talked about upcoming training sessions for people who would like to volunteer their time to work on their 24-hour crisis line.

Fond du Lac County Executive Al Buechel will be celebrating 40 years in County Government this week. He was elected to the County Board on April 20th of 1976 and on that same day in 1993 as County Executive. He has served as County Executive ever since. Buechel talked about some of the changes he's seen since starting on the County Board and the progress the County has made including road projects, the construction of the City-County Government Center, improvements to the UW-Fond du Lac campus and the unique relationship the County has had with the state because it's being willing to pilot programs. He also says he couldn't have accomplished what he did with help and support from others. He says he loves serving the County and intends to run for County Executive again next spring. A reception and special presentation will be held in Buechel's honor at the City-County Government Center Tuesday night (April 19th).

Thursday, April 21st:

University of Wisconsin Colleges and UW Extension Chancellor Cathy Sandeen visited Fond du Lac and particularly the UW-Fond du Lac this week. We had a chance to talk to her during this interview. She talked about how budget cuts to the UW-System are

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Monday, May 2nd:

Wisconsin Tourism Secretary Stephanie Klett was a guest. Fond du Lac County at 10.2 percent saw the biggest gain in direct visitor spending of all 72 counties in the state last year. Klett says that spending went from \$120 million in 2014 to \$132 million in 2015. She says Fond du Lac County has had double digit growth year-after-year. She says total business sales were also up in Fond du Lac County. She says that increased to \$227.3 million or 7.7 percent in 2015. She says the County is hitting it out of the ball park when it comes to tourism efforts. She says tourism has what she calls a halo-effect on the County. She says when people visit the County and have a good time they are more apt to go to school in the County, start a business, buy a second home or retire in the County. Fond du Lac County also saw the number of full time jobs impacted by tourism grow by 3.1 percent last year to 2,574 jobs. Klett says the state saw its tourism revenue increase by nearly \$1 billion in 2015 to \$19.3 billion.

Fond du Lac Public Works Director Jordan Skiff talked about the impact of the Emerald Ash Borer on the City's Ash tree population. He recently gave the City Council an update on the battle against the EAB. Skiff says it was first found on the outskirts of the City in December of 2013, but now can be found throughout the City although not in great concentrations. He says they may have to get more aggressive removing trees in neighborhoods where EAB has been found. Meanwhile he says you can still get trees in your street terrace or on private property treated for about \$7 per diameter inch with an average tree being about 15 inches. He says to give him a call if you want to get that process started at 322-3472. Skiff also talked about some Bird City activities that are coming up in Fond du Lac. The City is celebrating its fifth year as part of the state's Bird City program. There will a lecturer at the Fond du Lac Public Library tomorrow night and this weekend a couple of bird walks in City nature areas. Skiff also talked briefly about street projects that will be done this summer.

Thursday, May 5th:

Fond du Lac Salvation Army Social Services Director Ron Jacobson talked about a variety of summer camps the Salvation Army will be sponsoring at their Army Lake Camp a 200 acre camp in East Troy. Most of the camps are \$10 and transportation is provided. Sign up deadline for the camps is May 27th. Jacobson also talked about their food pantry, thrift store and their Brown Bag Lunch program. He says this summer the Tuesday and Thursday Brown Bag Lunch program will provide more than 13,000 free cold lunches. It helps fill a gap for families that are on free and reduced lunch programs during the school year.

State Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt talked about Federal Judge Lynn Adelman's decision denying a motion to reinstate the State Highway 23 project that would expand the highway to four lanes between Fond du Lac and Plymouth. He is urging the State Department of Transportation to appeal the decision to a federal appeals court. He is also hopeful a petition drive will be started. Thiesfeldt also says he's surprised families of loved ones killed on the highway haven't filed a wrongful death lawsuit against 1,000 Friends of Wisconsin the group whose lawsuit stalled the project. Thiesfeldt also talked about the Presidential race. Recently Ted Cruz and John Kasich dropped out of the Republican race leaving only Donald Trump. He says if Trump is elected president he will be the first person elected to the offices since the 1800s who is purely a businessman and never held political office. He also commented on the race between Democratic Presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

Monday, May 9th:

Fond du Lac Schools Superintendent Jim Sebert was a guest. Sebert talked about the annual teaching contracts that will be issued after the school board approves them tonight. He says they are lucky most teachers will be returning in the fall. He also talked about high school graduation rates. The High School's rate was slightly higher than the state average according to the state's Department of Public Instruction. Sebert also talked about a workshop the board will be holding after its regular meeting tonight. He says they will review applicants for the Acuity Fund Grants program. The fund established from the interest generated from money Acuity paid for the naming rights to the High School field house funds grants for special teaching projects and proposals. Sebert says this year they will be providing \$24,000 in grants, but receiving proposals for \$130,000 in projects.

Thursday, May 12th:

Mike Streetar a mail carrier for the Fond du Lac Post Office talked about the Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. It's this coming Saturday, May 14th in the Fond du Lac Area. People are being asked to donate non-perishable food to the driver that benefits five local food pantries. All they have to do is place the food and put it out near their mail box Saturday morning. The bag is being delivered in the mail this week. The five pantries that will benefit are Broken Bread, Fondy Food Pantry, Solutions Center, Salvation Army, and Church of Peace. Streetar says in the past 20 years over 585,000 pounds of food has been contributed to the food drive in the Fond du Lac area.

Tom Wilhelms is the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County. He talked about a tram service they will be running during Walleye Weekend next month at Fond du Lac's Lakeside Park. Wilhelms says a couple of area businesses are making the tram service possible. He says there will be seating for about 20 people in each of the trams that will be making stops at different locations in the park during the festival. Both trams will start out in the parking lot of the ReStore on West Scott Street in Fond du Lac, which is next to the park. He says people will be able to make a donation for the service if they wish, but if they are going to park in the ReStore parking lot there will be a fee for that. Wilhelms also talked about new summer hours for the ReStore.

Wisconsin Republican Party Communications Director Pat Garrett talked about the state convention the party will hold in Green Bay this weekend. Garrett talked about

the importance of party unity. He talked about this morning's announcement that Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House, and GOP Presidential Candidate Donald Trump had met and talked about that very subject. Ryan and Trump have had their differences including Ryan saying at one time he would not endorse Trump. Garrett says the party this weekend will endorse U.S. Senator Ron Johnson for the U.S. seat he currently holds. Johnson faces former U.S. Senator Russ Feingold for the seat he won from Feingold in 2010.

Monday, May 16th:

Nicole Johnson the executive director of the Solutions Center in Fond du Lac talked about the need to find a new warming shelter for the homeless during the winter months. Johnson says after seven years at St. Paul's Cathedral they need to find a different shelter. She says this past winter they had people staying in the shelter who have physical disabilities and climbing a staircase to get to the second floor where the shelter is located was difficult and unsafe for them. She says it would also be nice to find a location that has a kitchen, showers, and a laundry room. She says they need a new location for the shelter at least for a couple of years while their board of directors develops a long term strategic plan. She also talked briefly about the shelters they run for victims of domestic violence.

Fond du Lac City Council President Lee Ann Lorrigan talked about a proposal to allow dogs in City parks. The City Council last week referred the matter to the City's Advisory Park Board. Lorrigan was the lone vote against that. She says she would be in favor of it if the proposal was for Lakeside Park only and limited to dogs being on leashes and allowed on trails or walking paths only. She says her house is near Buttermilk Creek Park and they have problems with dogs in the park straying onto or near their home. She says there are already people who take their dogs to parks in the City even though ordinances prohibit it. She also talked briefly about the work the Downtown Exploratory Committee is doing in coming up with recommendations to improve the downtown. She feels they will have unique ideas to contribute toward shaping the future of the downtown.

Thursday, May 19th:

Moraine Park Technical College President Bonnie Baerwald and Vice President of Finance and Administration Carrie Kasubaski were guests. Baerwald talked about their upcoming commencement ceremonies at the Fond du Lac High School Field House Saturday, May 21st. She says of their 800 graduates, 350 from their three campuses in Beaver Dam, Fond du Lac, and West Bend are expected to participate. Baerwald also gave brief updates on other things going on at the three campuses. Kasubaski talked about the 2016-2017 Moraine Park budget. The District Board is expected to approve it next month. She says it has a \$51.2 million operating budget, which is up 5 percent from last year. She says because of increased property values the mill rate for district taxes will be lower and property taxes will also be lower. She gave a couple of other highlights of the budget as well.

Monday, May 23rd:

Fond du Lac Schools Superintendent Jim Sebert talked about the Acuity Fund Grant

Awards. The School Board will approve funding for the grants today, but won't make the awards winners public for awhile. He says board members go to the schools and present the awards to teachers who proposed unique educational programs as a surprise. This year nearly \$26,000 is being presented as part of the grant program. He also talked about Fond du Lac High School Commencement that is coming up on June 9th and the participation last week of the Riverside Choir in the annual Fond du Lac Police Memorial Ceremony.

Fond du Lac County Public Health Officer Kim Mueller talked about the mosquito borne Zika virus. Wisconsin had its first case reported last week. But Mueller says the person who contracted the virus actually got it while visiting Honduras an area known to have mosquitoes infected with the virus. Mueller says we will probably see more cases in the state, but those to may involve people traveling to areas that already have the virus. Mueller also talked about a list put together by 24/7 Wall Street of the Drunkest Cities in America. Fond du Lac landed number seven on the list. Mueller says we already knew we had problems with alcohol in the County. She says it was one of the top four concerns in the County's Health Assessment. She says the good news is we have a number of coalitions that are working toward reducing the problem of binge drinking.

Thursday, May 26th:

Waupun Schools Superintendent Tonya Gubin says district officials are quite pleased with the participation in a facilities survey for the upcoming referendum. More than 1,200 people took time to way in on questions in the survey. She says about 56 percent of respondents said they would support the Base Plan for a \$36.8 million referendum. The Base Plan has some improvements at each one of the schools. She says two-thirds of those responding (66 percent) feel the best time to do the referendum is in the fall. Gubin also talked briefly about the robocall bomb threats that have been phoned in to school districts in the area over the past week. She says her district has been fortunate they have not received such a call. She also talked about the upcoming high school graduation and a program where the graduates go back and visit the elementary schools the following week in their cap and gowns. She says it makes quite the impression on the younger students.

Rosendale-Brandon District Administrator Gary Hansen talked about his upcoming retirement. He says he's seen some changes over his 42 years with the district, which will come to an end when he retires at the end of June. He's spent the last 15 years as district administrator, 8 years as Laconia High School principal, and the 19 years before that as a teacher. He liked being a principal with the day-to-day contact with students. He says in the 1980s and early 1990s when he was teaching he kept hearing about how technology was going to change their lives. He says it did and the district was one of first to have a one-to-one computer initiative at the high school. Hansen says he regrets teachers don't command the same respect they used to get.

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